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FIREPROOF BUILDING FOR THE HOUSE PUBLICATIONS FACILITY

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Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2904]

The Committee on Public Works and Transportation, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2904) to authorize construction and equipment of a fireproof building for the House Publications Facility, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment strikes out all after the enacting clause of the bill and inserts a new text which appears in italic type in the reported bill.

H.R. 2904 authorizes the construction of a fireproof building for the House Publications Facility to be located on land controlled by the Architect of the Capitol near Bolling Air Force Base. The site for the new publications facility is the northern portion of the twenty-five acre tract being developed for the relocation of the U.S. Botanic Garden Nursery Greenhouses. The bill authorizes to be appropriated $10 million, which includes construction and equipment costs.

The facility will be approximately 48,000 square feet and provide for the combining of the Majority and Minority Printing Operations into a unified operating entity, along with a portion of the Doorkeeper's operations. A small element of the House Post Office which will handle mass mailings will be located in this facility as well.

Presently, the House Majority and Minority Print Shops are located in the West Underground Garage. The current facilities are severely constrained and present major operational deficiencies.

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The Publications Distribution Service of the Office of the Doorkeeper, U.S. House of Representatives, processes constituent communications, distributes printed materials, and packages official documents for Members of the Congress and Committees. Located in the Longworth House Office Building, the publication, folding, inserting and sorting operations have major operational constraints and deficiencies. Lack of circulation aisles, product storage and handling areas, and employee amenities all contribute to the inadequacies of the facilities.

The legislation reaffirms that all provisions of the Buy America Act shall apply to all contracts and expenditures made under this bill. The Architect of the Capitol is directed to take such action as may be necessary to comply with the provision, but no new requirements are imposed.

The Architect of the Capitol was instructed in June of 1988 to study the feasibility of such a publications facility by the House Administration Committee and the House Office Building Commission. Both have directed the Architect to proceed with authorization of the building.

[Letters from the Architect of the Capitol and the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration follow:]

THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL,
Washington, DC, July 6, 1989.

Hon. GLENN M. ANDERSON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works and Transportation,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: At the direction of the House Office Building Commission and the Chairman, Committee on House Administration, I have the privilege of transmitting herewith, proposed authorization language for construction of a fireproof building for the House Publications Facility, and for other purposes, for introduction in the House of Representatives.

The proposed language is for authorization of a building to be located on property which will also serve as the site for the new Botanic Garden Nursery Greenhouses, near the District of Columbia Fire Training Academy and D.C. Village. The building will be constructed for the relocation of the House Publications Distribution Service (Folding Room), government operated printing facility for Democratic and Republican Members of the House, and that portion of the House Post Office services dealing with mass mailings processed through the Publications Distribution Services.

With approval of the House Office Building Commission and the House Committee on Appropriations, I engaged the services of a consulting firm, Howard Needles Tammen Bergendoff to develop the program and estimate of cost for the Publications Distribution Facility. A copy of the report is enclosed herewith. The cost shown therein for the 48,000 square foot facility has been augmented to reflect additional escalation and a value for the present printers' existing equipment.

I shall, of course, be pleased to discuss this matter with you, and to appear before the Committee to testify on this urgent authorization request.

Cordially,

GEORGE M. WHITE, FAIA,
Architect of the Capitol.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A FIREPROOF BUILDING FOR THE HOUSE PUBLICATIONS FACILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

There is hereby authorized to be constructed and equipped, on a site approved by the House Office Building Commission, in accordance with plans prepared under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol and approved by the House Office Building Commission and the Committee on House Administration, a fireproof building for the House Publications Facility, and for other purposes.

For carrying out the purposes of this act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated $10,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is authorized to enter into contracts and to make such other expenditures, including expenditures for personal and other services, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act: Provided further, That such facility shall become subject to the provisions of law relating to the control, supervision, and care of the House Office Buildings contained in the Act of March 4, 1907, as amended (40 U.S.C. 175): Provided further, That the site selected for the facility authorized herein shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1827 of the Revised Statutes (40 U.S.C. 215) authorizing Capitol Police jurisdiction to include said site.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, July 5, 1989.

Hon. GEORGE M. WHITE,
Architect of the Capitol,
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR GEORGE: This letter authorizes and directs you to proceed with the necessary authorization and appropriation requests for the construction of the House Publications Building, as proposed to the Committee on House Administration and approved by the House Office Building Commission.

Please keep this Committee and the Commission informed as to progress and costs as this project proceeds.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

FRANK ANNUNZIO,
Chairman.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) With respect to clause 2(l)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and in compliance with section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee reports that

H.R. 2904 does not provide any new budget authority or new or increased tax expenditures.

(2) With respect reference to clause 2(l)(3)(A) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight did not hold hearings on the subject matter of the legislation.

(3) With respect to clause 2(l)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House Representatives, owing to the timing of the filing of this report, the Committee has not received a report from the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Upon receipt of that report, it would be the intent of the Committee to include it in the Congressional Record.

(4) With reference to clause 2(l)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has not received a report from the Committee on Government Operations pertaining to this subject matter of this legislation.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

(1) Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires a statement of the estimated cost to the United States which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 2904, as reported, in FY90 and each of the following 5 years. The carrying out of this legislation is not expected to result in any significant costs to the United States.

(2) With respect to clause 7(A)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee reports that no cost estimate of H.R. 2904 was submitted to the Committee by a government agency.

(3) With respect to clause 2(l)(3)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following information is provided: The effect on carrying out, as reported, should be negligible with respect to prices and costs.

COMMITTEE ACTION AND VOTE

This committee in compliance with rule XI(2)(l)(2)(A) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, reports favorably the bill, H.R. 2904. The committee ordered the bill reported by voice vote.

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